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To the Georgia Southern Community:

The consolidation of Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University is underway and progress is being made. Operational Working Groups have started holding meetings and recommendations are being developed.

Late Friday, the Armstrong State University/Georgia Southern University Consolidation Implementation Committee (CIC), met and agreed to support four recommendations submitted by various Operational Working Groups (OWG).

These recommendations include the following:

- **Naming of Campuses in Savannah and Hinesville:** The Georgia Southern University campus located in Savannah will be formally named the Armstrong Campus; the Georgia Southern campus located in Hinesville will be formally named the Liberty Campus.
- **Naming of Current Buildings:** All named structures currently existing on the Armstrong campus will retain their historic names.
- **Transfer Status for Student-Athletes:** Student athletes will be immediately issued open transfer status by Armstrong's athletic administration, with the exception of softball, whose playing season is currently in progress. When softball season has concluded, the participating student-athletes will immediately be issued an open transfer status by Armstrong's athletic administration. This will ensure that student-athletes do not lose any eligibility.
- **Athletics Scholarships:** All athletics-related scholarships for affected student-athletes will be honored, provided students are making satisfactory academic progress. This plan will allow student-athletes who are affected by the consolidation to continue their education without bearing an additional financial burden.

I am pleased that we are moving forward with these recommendations and I am grateful to the Armstrong alumni, students, faculty and staff, who played an important role in developing and vetting the naming and the athletic recommendations. I also want to thank the CIC members, the USG representatives for their efforts with the consolidation, and, most of all, you the faculty, staff and members of our entire university community — for embracing change, for demonstrating kindness and civility as we go through this process and for being an integral part of the Eagle Nation.

Jaimie Hebert
President